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H-PASS HONORABLE EDWARD KENNEDY
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1. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 8, 1977, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING THE DIFFICULTIES MR. JOHN POULOS OF VOUTIRON, EVRYTANIAS, EXPERIENCED WITH THE GREEK CUSTOMS AUTHORITY, THE EMBASSY IS PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

2. ACCORDING TO GREEK CUSTOMS LAW AND REGULATIONS, AN ALIEN WHO RESIDES IN GREECE AND HAS THE DUTY-FREE USE OF AN AUTOMOBILE, MUST ALLOW THE AUTOMOBILE TO BE SEALED BY THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY AND STORED IN A DESIGNATED LOCATION DURING THE ALIEN'S ABSENCE FROM GREECE. THIS PROCEDURE CAN BE EFFECTED AT SUCH PLACES AS DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL CUSTOMS AUTHORITY, USUALLY IN A TOWN HAVING COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE STORAGE FACILITIES. NORMALLY, VILLAGES IN GREECE DO NOT HAVE SUCH FACILITIES. ALIENS RESIDING IN AREAS NOT HAVING APPROVED STORAGE FACILITIES MUST BRING THEIR AUTOMOBILES TO A LOCATION DETERMINED BY THE CUSTOMS AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION IN THAT AREA.

3. AS AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDING IN GREECE ARE SUBJECT TO GREEK CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES, THE EMBASSY IS UNABLE TO INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF.

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4. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MR. POULOS AND HAS INFORMED HIM CONCERNING THE PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED AND OF THE EMBASSY'S INABILITY TO INTERVENE WITH THE LOCAL CUSTOMS AUTHORITY ON HIS BEHALF.
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